

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-21, 25 and 30 were pending. Claims 1-21, 25 and 30 were rejected. In this response, no claim has been canceled. Claims 1, 15, 25, and 30 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 11-13, 15, 17, 21, 25 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. U.S. 2002/0099786 to Chun ("Chun"). In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-21, 25 and 30 as amended include limitations that are not disclosed by Chun.

Specifically, independent claim 1 recites as follows:

1. A method comprising:
a first system management application, of a set of system management applications for managing a host system including a second system management application, determining if an unprocessed record is present in a system event log by obtaining exclusive use of the system event log (SEL) stored in a non-volatile memory location of the host system, while preventing the second system management application from accessing the SEL concurrently;
the first system management application obtaining an identifier corresponding to an unprocessed record; and
the first system management application determining the next unprocessed record.

(Emphasis added)

Independent claim 1 includes multiple system management applications that are capable of processing each record of the system event log (SEL) of a host system, where when a first system management application accesses the SEL, a second system management application is prevented from accessing the same SEL. It is respectfully submitted that the above limitations are absent from Chun.

Rather, Chun is related to a system for storing alarm information generated from a network and transmitting the alarm information to multiple alarm managers (see Abstract of Chun). Specifically, the system of Chun includes an alarm management host computer 200 having an alarm processor 220 to collect the alarm information from a network (rather than from the alarm management host computer 200 itself), to store the alarm information in an alarm database 240, and to distribute the alarm information from the alarm database to multiple listener tables 250-253. Each of the listener tables 250-253 is associated with an alarm manager 260-263 respectively (see, Fig. 2; paragraphs [0031] to [0035] of Chun).

It is respectfully submitted that the alarm information is not system event records regarding operational events of the host system as claimed in the present application. Rather, the alarm information is collected from a network (e.g., the alarm information of other entities in the network other than the alarm management host computer 200 itself).

In addition, each listener table of Chun is associated with an exclusive alarm manager. That is, only the specific alarm manager can access the associated listener table. As a result, there is no need to lock the listener table in order to prevent other alarm managers from accessing the same listener table. The lock of Chun used in a listener table is used to prevent an alarm manager from reading while the alarm processor 220 is writing to the same table.

In contrast, independent claim 1 includes a mechanism to ensure that while multiple system management applications are capable of processing system events, an event can only be processed once by one of the system management applications at a time. Chun and the present application are solving significantly different problems and their approaches are significantly different.

In order to anticipate a claim, each and every limitations of the claim must disclosed by the cited references. It is respectfully submitted that Chun fails to disclose the limitations

set forth above. Therefore, for the reasons discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 is not anticipated by Chun.

Similarly, independent claims 15, 25, and 30 include limitations similar to those recited in claim 1. Thus, for the reasons similar to those discussed above, independent claims 15, 25, and 30 are not anticipated by Chun.

Given that the rest of the claims depend from one of the above independent claims, at least for the reasons similar to those discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that the rest of the claims are not anticipated by Chun. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 8-10, 14, 16, 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chun in view of “Intelligent Platform Management Interface Specification v1.0” (“IPMI”).

For the reasons similar to those discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that the IPMI also fails to disclose the limitations set forth above.

In addition, there is no suggestion within Chun and IPMI to combine with each other. IPMI is a management interface specifically designed for managing a host system and is running within the host system, while Chun is related to collecting and distributing the alarm information from a network outside of the alarm management computer. There is no need to use the IPMI within the alarm management computer since the alarm information is not about the alarm management computer. It is respectfully submitted that one with ordinary skill in the art would not combine Chun with IPMI because such a combination lacks reasonable expectation of success, given the significant different infrastructures between Chun and the present application.

Even if they were combined, such a combination still lacks the limitations set forth above. Therefore, for the reasons discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-21, 25 and 30 are patentable over Chun in view of IPMI. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.


In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

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